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SUBJECT: SA GAMES

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

1. WHITES BEAT AFRICANS FOUR TO NOTHING IN RAINSOAKED SOCCER MATCH BEFORE CAPACITY CROWD OF OVER 40,000 IN JOHANNESBURG LAST NIGHT. THIS LONG- AWAITED FIRST PUBLIC CONTEST BETWEEN SA WHITES AND SA AFRICANS IN " BODY- CONTACT" SPORT DESCRIBED ALMOST JUBILANTLY BY BOTH AFRIKAANS AND ENGLISH PRESS. " SOCCER IS STILL KING", SAID FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN CONSERVATIVE DIE TRANSVALER. " IT IS NOT THE SCORE THAT COUNTED, BUT THE SURPRISING, ENTHUSIASTIC, HEALTHY SPIRIT IN WHICH THE GAME WAS PLAYED. NEITHER IN THE GRAND- STANDS NOR ON THE FIELD WAS THERE THE SLIGHTEST SIGN OF FRICTION." TRANSVALER WENT ON IN EDITORIAL TO SAY THAT SUCCESS DUE TO FACT " WHITES ARE NOT THE RACISTS THEY ARE MADE OUT TO BE. WHITE AND NON- WHITE GET ALONG WELL, WHEN IT OCCURS WITHIN THE HEALTHY AND FITTING CONTEXT OF MULTI- NATIONALISM" ( AFRIKAANS " VEELVOLKIGHEID") . RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTED GLOOM IN SOWETO AT OUTCOME OF GAME, BUT QUOTED AFRICAN SPECTATOR AS SAYING " WE CAN' T GO BACK AFTER THIS. NOW WE CAN ONLY GO FORWARD."

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2. REST OF GAMES, INCLUDING FIRST CONTEST BETWEEN SA NATIONAL TEAM AND BLACK AFRICAN TEAM ( SPRINGBOKS VS MALAWI IN HOCKEY) , PROCEEDING WITHOUT INCIDENT.  
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IN CULTURE, MODE OF LIFE, HABIT, AND ABOVE ALL ASPIRATIONS, PEOPLE OF PROVINCE ARE IDENTICAL WITH OTHER ETHIOPIANS.

D. BANDITS WHO REPRESENT ONLY THEMSELVES AND WHO ARE STOOGES OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES WHICH DREAM TO ADVANCE THEIR OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS AT EXPENSE OF ETHIOPIA, HAVE NO SUPPORT WHATEVER IN PROVINCE OF ERITREA.

E. CONFERENCE, BY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THESE BANDITS, HAS TRAMPLED UNDERFOOT OTHER CARDINAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUCH AS NON- INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS, A CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF CO- EXISTENCE WHICH HAS BEEN OPENLY VIOLATED BY CONFERENCE. CONFERENCE HAS DONE DISSERVICE TO AFRICA BY ADVOCATING DISMEMBERMENT OF AN AFRICAN STATE AT TIME WHEN AFRICA IS COLLECTIVELY ENDEAVOURING ACHIEVE UNITY OF ACTION AND PURPOSE.

F. CONFERENCE IN ONE OF ITS RESOLUTIONS HAS ALSO SPOKEN OF SUPPOSED FACILITIES THAT ETHIOPIA HAS PUT AT DISPOSAL OF ISRAEL. GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA HAS REPEATEDLY DENIED THAT ANY ISLANDS OR OTHER FACILITIES ON RED SEA HAVE BEEN PUT AT DISPOSAL OF FOREIGN STATE. ETHIOPIA HAS ALSO REPEATEDLY INVITED ANYONE TO COME AND CONFIRM THIS FACT.  
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2. EMBASSY HAD SEVERAL INDICATIONS MARCH 27 THAT IEG CONCERNED AND PREOCCUPIED BY BENGHAZI CONFERENCE OF ISLAMIC STATES. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ( MOFA) SOURCES TEND TO BLAME LIBYA FOR OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE AND CITE IT AS ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF GADHAFI'S HOSTILITY TOWARD ETHIOPIA. THEY NOTE APPARENT POLITICAL SUPPORT OF ELF NOT ONLY BY LIBYA AND ARABS BUT BY BLACK AFRICANS LIKE SENEGAL AND GUINEA, AND THEY FEAR POSSIBLE LIBYAN- INSPIRED EFFORT TO RAISE ISSUE OF ELF RECOGNITION AT UP- COMING OAU MAY SUMMIT.

3. MOFA OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH OAU AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 27 THAT, OF 41 CHIEFS OF STATE, ONLY GADHAFI NOT CURRENTLY EXPECTED AT SUMMIT ( SADAT REPORTEDLY PLANS BE HERE ONE DAY ONLY). ON OTHER HAND, OAU ASST SEC GEN SAHNOUN TOLD FRENCH RECENTLY AFTER HIS NORTH AFRICAN TOUR THAT HE BELIEVES GADHAFI WILL PROBABLY ATTEND SUMMIT, DESPITE GADHAFI'S HOSTILITY TOWARD BOTH  
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EMPEROR AND OAU PRESIDENT PROTEM KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO.  
SAHNOUN TOLD FRENCH THAT, WHETHER OR NOT GADHAFI ATTENDS, OAU  
DELEGATION LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT HE PLANNING SOME ANTI-  
ETHIOPIAN ACTION IN NEAR FUTURE. COMMENT: DEVELOPMENTS AT BEN-  
GHAZI CONFERENCE COULD PROVE OPENING GUN IN LIBYAN CAMPAIGN.  
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